

Nevada Connections Academy

20-21 Quarter 3 Update

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Presentation Overview

- **NSPF Targets**
- **Updates:**
 - **Site Evaluation**
 - **Academic Achievement**
 - **Graduation Rate**
 - **College and Career Readiness**
 - **Student Engagement**
- **20-21 Culture Shift**
- **NCA Board Update**



Performance Framework Targets

Indicator	Total Points Possible	20-21 Target	21-22 Target
Academic Achievement	ACT Reading: 10	ACT Reading: 6	ACT Reading: 6
	ACT Math: 10	ACT Math: 2	ACT Math: 3
	Science: 5	Science: 2	Science: 2
Graduation Rate – 4yr	25	12 (79%)	12 (80%)
Graduation Rate – 5yr	5	1 (69%)	3 (80.3%)
English Language Proficiency	10	4	4
College & Career Readiness	25	7	13
Student Engagement	10	7	7
Total	100	40	50
Star Rating		2 Star	3 Star

Site Evaluation

- Received valuable feedback from engaged, thorough SPCSA team
- Immediate action on improving two areas (feedback to students, webmail communications)
- Other recommendations will be reviewed as we develop school improvement plan for next year

Academic Achievement:

Benchmark Assessments



RENAISSANCE
Star Assessments[®]

	At/Above Benchmark	On Watch	Intervention	Urgent Intervention
Reading (Fall)	49%	18.9%	19.3%	12.8%
Reading (Winter)	45.3%	19%	19.8%	16%
Math (Fall)	53%	18.7%	16.8%	11.5%
Math (Winter)	51%	16%	17%	16%

Academic Achievement:

ACT Prep



MasteryPrep

9th and 10th Graders

- ▶ All 9th and 10th graders will have access to MasteryPrep to help prepare them for ACT's.
- ▶ Students will complete a practice test when they first login. They will have access to two additional practice tests to complete at a later date.
- ▶ Based on their practice test performance, students will be assigned lessons and videos to reinforce concepts.

11th Graders

- ▶ All 11th graders were invited to attend an ACT Boot Camp session on February 13th.
- ▶ We had 50 participants.
- ▶ Students were sent materials prior to the Boot Camp session that they used throughout the session and can utilize up until their ACT exam.

Moving in the Right Direction

	2021 Projected Range	% GREEN	% YELLOW	% RED	% Stage 5 BLUE	% Stage 5 PINK	% Stage 5 BLACK
2020-2021	76% - 82%	71.8%	9.6%	2.6%	1.9%	2.9%	11.2%

Enrolled Students:

- **GREEN - On-Track (EOT)**
- **YELLOW - Off-Track Yellow - 3 or less credits behind (EOTY)**
- **RED - Off-Track Red - 3.5+ credits behind (EOTR)**

Withdrawn Students:

- **BLUE - Transfer Pending (WTP)**
- **PINK - Status Unknown (WSU)**
- **BLACK - Confirmed Dropout (WCD)**



College and Career Readiness

Past	Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimal dual credit options<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 Diploma Options Honors Advanced Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full CCR Program• Increased dual credit options through community college• Career and Technical Education Pathway Options through community college and NCA.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 Diploma options Honors Advanced Advanced Honors College and Career Readiness Standard

Moving in the Right Direction

12th Grade Students

	% AP/Honors	% CTE	% Dual Credit	% Advanced Diploma
NCA 19-20	2.6%	0%	>2%	3.6%
NCA 20-21	10.6%	75.9%	10.5%	23.2%

Feedback From Families:

- **“We are very excited to have our daughter prepared for a career upon graduation.”**
- **“Thank you for these options. “**
- **“We are very happy with the honor classes and diploma track we are enrolled with, thank you.”**
- **“What a wonderful opportunity for students.”**

Moving in the Right Direction

	9th Grade Sufficiency Rate %	Attendance Rate %
NCA 2021	89.7%	95.7%

20-21 Culture Shift

EVERY STUDENT
WILL BE PLACED IN A
TRACK TO
GRADUATE COLLEGE
& CAREER READY

EVERY NCA
TEACHER WILL
MONITOR HOW EACH
STUDENT IMPACTS
THE NSPF

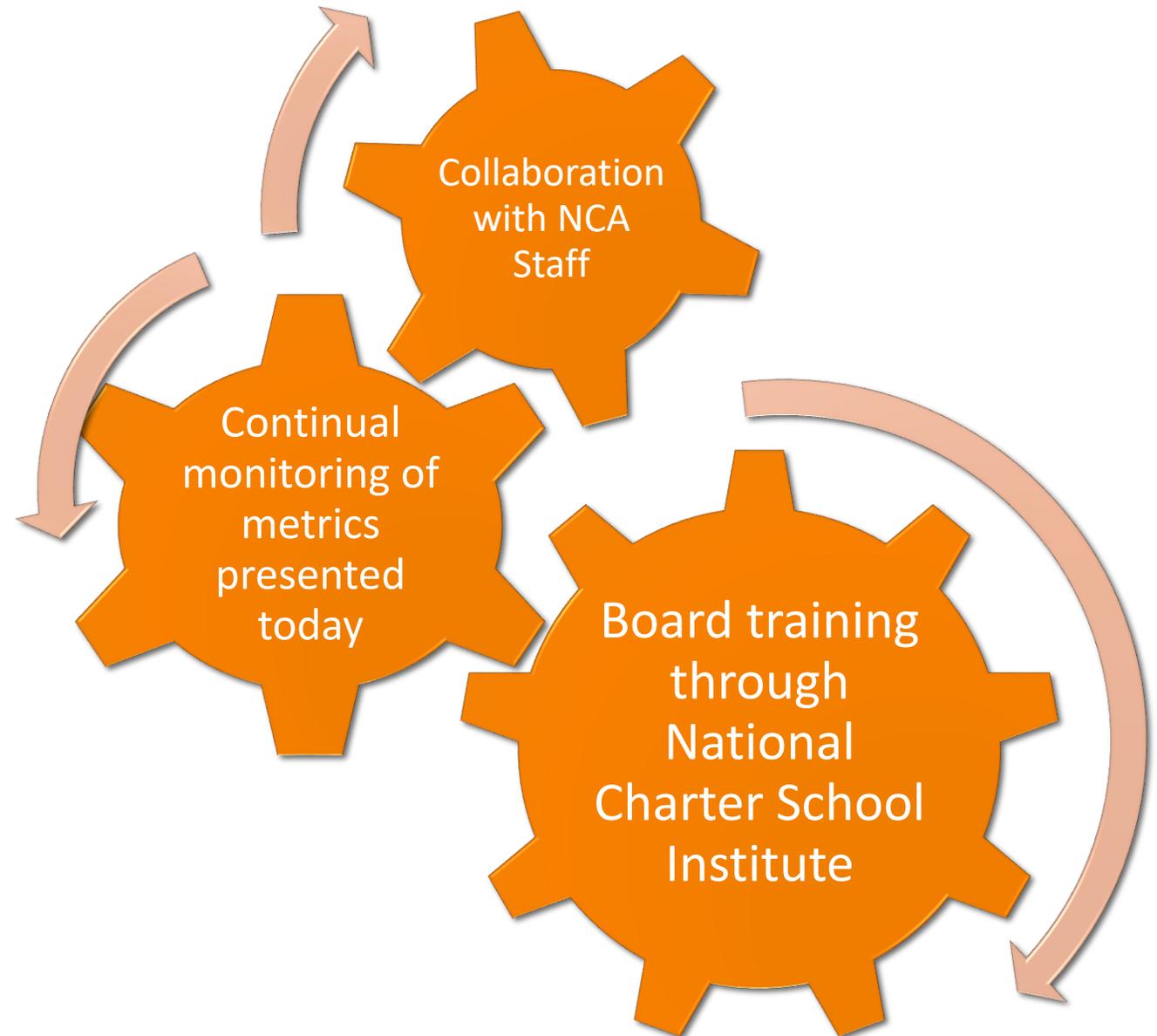
COURSEWORK WILL
BE SUPPLEMENTED
WITH ACT-BASED
TESTING SKILLS

COURSE
COMPLETION,
INTERVENTION AND
CREDIT ACCRUAL
WILL BE AREAS OF
FOCUS

STUDENT
ENGAGEMENT WILL
BE MONITORED
DAILY AND OWNED
BY EVERY SCHOOL
EMPLOYEE

INDIVIDUALIZED
PLANS WILL BE
IMPLEMENTED AND
REVIEWED TO MATCH
STUDENT INTERESTS

NCA Board Update



NCA Board Training
National Charter School Institute
Naomi DeVeaux & Mark Weinberg

**Worked in schools, on boards, and former
authorizers- Trusted nationally**

<https://nationalcharterschools.org/>

NCA Board Training Activities

- 1. Provided/read “Governing for Greatness” and companion workbook (2018) Brian Carpenter & Jim Goenner**
- 2. Attended three all-board member trainings (9-13 persons)**
- 3. Weekly training sessions with NCSI staff, Dr. Harrington and Morgan Jackson (n=8 sessions)**
- 4. Ongoing review of academic and financial data**

NCA Board Training Outcomes

- 1. Board members understand their roles & responsibilities vs. those of the Superintendent/Principals**
- 2. Board members understand Performance Framework and direct relationships between points needed and monthly data**
- 3. Development of three subcommittees: Financial, Academic, and Governance, with staff support from NCA and Pearson**
- 4. Clarity in asking the *right* questions**
- 5. Policy changes in finance and governance**
- 6. More to come....**